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SUBJ: PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS:

ADVISORY GROUP OF EXPERTS

REF: (A) IAEA VIENNA# B) STATE 078604;

(C) IAEA VIENNA 2982

LONDON FOR VAN DOREN

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH IAEA INSPECTOR GENERAL (ROMETSCH) APR 22, MISOFF DISCUSSED DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL (REF B) THAT AGENCY ESTABLISH ADVISORY GROUP OF EXPETS TO ASSIST MEMBER STATES, PARTICULARLY DEVELOPING STATES, IS SETTING UP PHYSICAL SECURITY PROCEDURES FOR PEACEFUL NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES.

2. ROMETSCH WAS IN GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT PROPOSAL COULD BE USEFUL, BOTH POLITICALLY AND PRACTICALLY. AGENCY 1972 DOCUMENT "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL" (GREY BOOK) WHILE MUCH IN DEMAND WAS SOMEWHAT RESTRICTED IN SCOPE.

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THE UPDATING OF THAT DOCUMENT, A TASK RECENTLY ADDRESSED

BY AGENCY TECHNICAL PANEL, WOULD BROADEN ITS SCOPE AND ENHANCE ITS SPECIFICITY BUT BECAUSE OF NATIONAL SENSITIVITIES WHICH EMERGE DURING DISCUSSION EVEN OF MATTERS AS GENERAL IN CONTENT AS GREY BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS, IT WOULD NOT APPEAR POLITICALLY POSSIBLE OR EVEN DESIRABLE FOR AGENCY PANEL TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC TECHNIQUES AND DEVICES INVOLVED IN PHYSICAL PROTECTION.

2. APART FROM NATIONAL SECURITY SENSITIVITIES, THERE MUST ALSO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT OPPOSITION BY SOME STATES TO ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF IAEA IN "IMPOSITION" OF PHYSICAL PROTECTION MEASURES (SEE REF. A, PARA 5-6). THIS FACTOR ALSO WOULD MAKE IT INADVISABLE FOR AGENCY TO ESTABLISH A STANDING TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP FOR THIS SUBJECT. ON THE OTHER HAND, RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE COULD BEST BE RENDERED IN THE REQUESTING STATE, WHERE ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL NEEDS COULD BE READILY REACHED, RATHER THAN IN VIENNA.

3. IN VIEW OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS, ROMETSCH SUGGESTS BEST APPROACH WOULD BE FOR AGENCY TO BE CALLED UPON TO MAINTAIN AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBER STATES A ROSTER OF QUALIFIED NATIONAL EXPERTS WHOSE SERVICES COULD BE PROVIDED TO STATES REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS. EXPERTS MIGHT ALSO BE WILLING TO ASSIST OTHER GOVERNMENTS IN EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY OR TO SERVE AS COMMUNICATION POINT IN EMERGENCIES.

4. MISSION ENDORSES THERE VIEWS AND WOULD WELCOME DEPARTMENT COMMENTS.LABOWITZ

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